

Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities
Quarterly Council Meeting
April 12-13, 2018
Atlanta, Georgia

MINUTES

Present: Sean Casey, Tom Connelly, Dan Crimmins, Brian Dowd, Viviana Fernandez, Parker Glick, Dorothy Harris, Theresa Heard, Debbie Hibben, Nandi Issac, Heidi Moore, Madeline Petrone, Evan Nodvin, Mitzi Proffitt, Renee Pruitt, Zo Stoneman, Lynn Walker

I. Welcome

Mitzi Proffitt made the following announcements:

- July Council meeting is July 26-27. GCDD will meet In Macon at the Marriott
- Mitzi Proffitt presented Eric Foss with his certificate of employment for 15 years of service to GCDD.
- Ms. Proffitt reported that after the last quarterly meeting, the Executive Committee reviewed the by-laws to determine how to change the quorum requirements from 51% to 40%. This recommendation will come from the Executive Committee before the July meeting so that it can be voted upon as part of the Consent Agenda at that time.

II. Member Sharing

During member sharing Mitzi Proffitt broadcast via Facebook Live.

III. Alison Barkoff

Alison Barkoff gave an update on what is happening in Washington D.C. related to disability policy. See attached PowerPoint presentation.

IV. Consent Agenda

Mitzi Proffitt reminded members that GCDD uses a consent agenda so that we do not spend our time reviewing reports and instead discuss more global issues. It is your responsibility to read the items listed which incorporates minutes, fiscal reports, staff report and other reports that we receive from the programs we support. The items on the consent agenda are:

- Minutes from the January meeting.
- Quarterly Program Report

Tom Connelly made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Lynn Walker seconded the motion. The Council members unanimously approved the motion to adopt the consent agenda.

V. EVV Update

Brian Dowd gave an update on implementation of the Electronic Verification program for the NOW and COMP waivers. He reported that there are have been 10 companies that have submitted bids.

Mr. Dowd also gave an update on the implementation of the Autism Benefit plan. He reported that there are 122 providers pending with up to 20-30 staff being paid at or above market rates. He suggested that individuals should go to mmis.georgia.gov to find out more information.

VI. Legislative Update

Dawn Alford and Hanna Rosenfeld gave an overview of what took place during the legislative session. See attached PowerPoint presentation.

VII. Real Communities Update

Patricia Richardson from the Mixed Greens Partnership in Savannah reported on their work.

Friday April 13, 2018

I. **Sangha Unity Network**

Michelle Schwartz from Sangha Unity Network or SUN, gave an update on the self advocacy project which will begin holding forums the week after Council meetings to gather information from individuals with disabilities about what they want from a network of self advocates.

II. Meeting Evaluation

Mitzi Proffitt asked members to bring to the July meeting an example of what worked well when they talked to candidates and to invite local candidates to the meeting.

III. Adjourn